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RE: Public Disclosure Request

2 messages

SPD-PDR, SPD <spdpdr@seattle.gov>

Tue, Nov 4, 2014 at 12:50 PM

To: "Anon Anon (policevideorequests@gmail.com)" <policevideorequests@gmail.com>

PDR # P2014-3252

To whom it may concern:

This is to follow up on your request for SPD in-car video via any Web Access File Store. As I understand your request, you have asked that SPD provide "non-tagged" videos in periodic installments of under 10 GB. You referred to evidence.com, an external vendor used by other agencies. Unlike those agencies, SPD does not have a similar contract with evidence.com or other cloud storage vendor at this time. SPD, nevertheless, is undertaking the necessary steps to provide videos to you via any Web Access File Store.

SPD no longer uses the "tagged" and "non-tagged" designation for retention categories. Those designations provided little information regarding the actual content of the videos. In order to categorize videos for disclosure purposes, the Video to Public Project ("VTP") is developing metrics and methods, among other things, for identifying videos that may be released without extensive manual review. These appear to be the videos that you refer to as "non-tagged" videos. These are also the videos that you appear to be requesting in periodic installments via any Web Access File Store. We also interpret your request as being for videos that were created since January 1, 2012.

We propose providing you videos that the VTP data analysis indicates are not related to GO, CAD, or otherwise likely to contain exempt content. The VTP has not completed the necessary data analysis that would allow release of this category of videos without manual review. This effort requires logging, copying, tracking, and performing a statistically valid review of the videos. In the interim, we will perform the necessary manual review in order to provide you records responsive to your request.

We will provide videos starting with those created in January 2012 in monthly increments or installments of approximately 10 GB that would be uploaded to FTP. You would have access to a particular installment for a period of thirty days. The prior month's installment would drop from any Web Access File Store when the current increment is uploaded. Please let me know if this is not what you have asked for.

We will need some time to set up an SFTP in the DMZ and to work out the other details of providing the videos to you. I estimate that I will be able to give you more specific information on how and when we will be able to provide the first installment by November 18, 2014.

This is an interim response to your request for videos. We anticipate that the details of responding to your request may change as the VTP progresses. We will let you know of any changes as they occur.

You have requested records related to the VTP. It is unclear from your request the specific records you are seeking. I have attached a copy of the VTP Overview Power Point. This explains the scope, methodology, and goals of the project. Please provide clarification regarding the specific records you want. If I do not hear back from you within thirty days, I will assume that the attached document fulfills the request for records related to the VTP.

If you have any questions, you can contact our Public Disclosure Desk at [206-684-5481](tel:206-684-5481).

Thank you,

Sheila

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From: Friend-Gray, Sheila **On Behalf Of** SPD-PDR, SPD

Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 7:10 AM

To: 'policevideorequests@mail2tor.com'

Subject: RE: Public Disclosure Request

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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for your email. Our Department is looking into your request further. At this time, the Department anticipates having a status update to you on or about November 4, 2014.

If you have any questions, you can contact our Public Disclosure Desk at [206-684-5481](tel:206-684-5481).

Thank you,

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-----Original Message-----

From: policevideorequests@mail2tor.com [<mailto:policevideorequests@mail2tor.com>]

Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2014 2:10 PM

To: SPD-PDR, SPD

Subject: Re: Public Disclosure Request

Thank you Shelia for the timely update. My request to SPD was sent to other agencies in Washington on the same day. Two of them store their videos in the cloud and will provide the videos via their vendor's external sharing feature (<http://evidence.com>). The Tukwila and Renton Police Departments are providing the records via their cities' public FTP servers.

I would like SPD to fulfill my request via Seattle's FTP server and delete the records at a set date per installment: <ftp://ftp.seattle.gov/> Both Tukwila and Renton contacted city IT to get access to the FTP servers. I assume that SPD can contact City of Seattle IT to setup an account for this PDR like Tukwila and Renton did.

I believe the request for the records via FTP is covered by the public disclosure act's "fullest assistance" requirement. The Washington Court of Appeals ruled that "fullest assistance" is required when "reasonable and feasible" (<http://caselaw.findlaw.com/wa-court-of-appeals/1500334.html>). I believe providing videos on an installment basis via FTP is feasible assuming the installments contain only a few videos (say under 10GB). I

believe it's reasonable because uploading should be a drag and drop affair vs inserting and removable DVDs.

Do non-tagged videos still need to be manually reviewed before release? My thought is since they are not tied to a GO report that maybe there would be no need for redactions and thus no need for review.

I would like to move forward with the request for the entire collection of videos that are releasable so that they have to be kept until this request is completed. I understand that in my lifetime I will likely only receive maybe a few hundred videos at most. I would like an installment plan like X videos per week or month or bi-monthly.

If the request for FTP is denied please explain why it's not reasonable and feasible so I can get legal advice for considering litigation to fight the denial.

Also I'm requesting records related to the "Video to Public (VTP) project"

because it sounds really cool. Thank you for telling me about it!

> PDR # P2014-3252

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> To whom it may concern,

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> This email is in further response to your public disclosure request.

> A copy of prior correspondence is attached to this email.

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> This is to provide you information regarding SPD's In-Car Video (ICV)

> system and to seek clarification of your request.

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> More than 350,000 hours of ICV currently reside on SPD's COBAN system.

> More than 200,000 hours of this has been generated since the beginning

> of 2012. This constitutes approximately one million individual videos

> created since January 2012. It would take more than 20 years for one

> person to passively watch it 24-hours per day. Accessing, reviewing,

> and processing this quantity of video with the presently available

> equipment and personnel would take at least five times that long. Even

> if processing the videos were not an issue, you have asked SPD to

> place massive quantities of video on YouTube. Not only is this not
> required by the Washington Public Records Act, RCW Chapt. 42.56, we
> doubt that YouTube would even allow such an upload.
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> SPD has initiated a Video to Public (VTP) project for video management
> and access that will provide the ability to process and make large
> quantities of video available to the public. The present reality is
> that the ability to access and process video hasn't kept pace with the
> ability to create it. The solution SPD is seeking does not even exist
> at this point and will have to be developed for us.
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> This is not a denial of your request. SPD can undertake processing
> your request with its current staffing and software. Before embarking
> on such a monumental endeavor, however, we ask that you clarify
> whether you are actually seeking more than 200 TB of video. If so, we
> can then provide you more detailed information regarding how long it
> will take to provide you the initial installments of video and the
> cost of dvds or hard drives needed to copy videos to provide to you.
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> If you do not want this volume of videos, we would be happy to work
> with you to help provide you any specific videos you want. We will
> consider this request closed if we do not hear back from within thirty
> days or by November 10, 2014.
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> If you have any questions, you can contact our Public Disclosure Desk
> at [206-684-5481](tel:206-684-5481).
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> Thank you,
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3 attachments**OVERVIEW_VTP_Reuseable.pptx**

449K

**VTP_Project Status Report 20141010.docx**

135K

**VTP_Project Status Report 20141017.docx**

286K

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Tue, Nov 4, 2014 at 1:08 PM

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Clarification: I'm still requesting ALL in-car videos not involved in actual pending litigation.

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